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Nominations sought for Truckee-area favorites

Truckee area residents can nominate their favorite destinations, local characters, historic sites, galleries, restaurants, views, lakes, hiking trails, and other special places of interest to be included in a National Geographic Society's interactive online Geotourism MapGuide.

A community workshop on submitting successful nominations was held at Truckee Town Hall.

The National Geographic Society has partnered with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and Sierra Business Council to invite local Sierra residents to capture the history and heritage of the Sierra Nevada Region in an interactive website and Web Map. The society defines geotourism is as tourism that sustains or enhances the geographical character of a place -- its environment, culture, aesthetics, heritage and well-being of its residents. Geotourism encourages travelers to tread lightly and enjoy a locale's sense of place.

The initial nomination period for the Tahoe Emigrant Corridor (counties of Placer, Nevada, El Dorado, Washoe, Douglas, and Carson City) runs through August 2010. Local residents and can log on to www.SierraNevadaGeotourism.org to place a nomination of a destination to be included in the WebMap.